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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

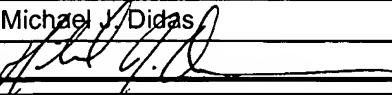
Application Number	10/022,338
Filing Date	December 20, 2001
First Named Inventor	TADASHI HAYASHI
Group Art Unit	2834
Examiner Name	I. A. Mohandes
Attorney Docket Number	03500.016069

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

*NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.*

1.	Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114		
a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on <u>March 31, 2004</u> <small>(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)</small></li> <li>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____</li> <li>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</li> </ul>		
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2.	Miscellaneous		
a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)		
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Applicant petitions the Examiner to extend the time for response to the Final Office Action dated <u>December 31, 2003</u> , one month from <u>March 31, 2004</u> , up to and including April 30, 2004, and submits \$110.00.		
3.	<b>Fees</b> The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.		
a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. <u>06-1205</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)</li> <li>ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)</li> <li>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</li> </ul>		
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Checks in the amount of \$ <u>770.00</u> (for the RCE filing fee), and \$ <u>110.00</u> (for the extension of time fee), are enclosed.		
c.	<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)		

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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